

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1 1. A method for obtaining information in an information exchange framework,
2 comprising:
3 a) receiving a request via a network from a third party for information about a
4 subject, wherein the request includes an identifier associated with the subject;
5 b) utilizing the received identifier to identify the subject;
6 c) determining the third party's right to access information about the subject based
7 on the received identifier; and
8 d) utilizing the network to provide the third party with information about the subject
9 that the third party is determined to have a right to access.

1 1. 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the third party transmits the request via the
2 network utilizing a wireless device.

1 1. 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the identifier comprises at least one of a numeric
2 character string and an alphanumeric character string.

1 1. 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the network comprises the Internet.

1 1. 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the identifier includes information about the
2 subject relating to at least one of: a name, a date of birth, and a blood type.

1 1. 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the identifier has a duration of validity for
2 associated therewith, and wherein the determination of the third party's right to
3 access information about the subject based on the received identifier includes a
4 determination of whether the request is received within a time frame set by the
5 duration of validity.

1 7. The method of claim 1, wherein a set of the information about the subject stored
2 in the database is associated with the received identifier, and wherein
3 determination of the third party's right to access information about the subject
4 based on the received identifier includes an identification of the set of information
5 stored in the database that is associated with the received identifier.

1 8. The method of claim 1, wherein information about the third party is stored in the
2 database for subsequent retrieval by the subject.

1 9. The method of claim 1, wherein the subject is permitted to update the information
2 about the subject via the network.

1 10. A system for obtaining information in an information exchange framework,
2 comprising:
3 a) logic for receiving a request via a network from a third party for information
4 about a subject, wherein the request includes an identifier associated with the
5 subject;
6 b) logic for utilizing the received identifier to identify the subject;
7 c) logic for determining the third party's right to access information about the
8 subject based on the received identifier; and
9 d) logic for utilizing the network to provide the third party with information about
10 the subject that the third party is determined to have a right to access.

1 11. The system of claim 10, wherein the third party transmits the request via the
2 network utilizing a wireless device.

1 12. The system of claim 10, wherein the identifier comprises at least one of a numeric
2 character string and an alphanumeric character string.

1 13. The system of claim 10, wherein the network comprises the Internet.

1 14. The system of claim 10, wherein the identifier includes information about the
2 subject relating to at least one of: a name, a date of birth, and a blood type.

1 15. The system of claim 10, wherein the identifier has a duration of validity for
2 associated therewith, and wherein the determination of the third party's right to
3 access information about the subject based on the received identifier includes a
4 determination of whether the request is received within a time frame set by the
5 duration of validity.

1 16. The system of claim 10, wherein a set of the information about the subject stored
2 in the database is associated with the received identifier, and wherein
3 determination of the third party's right to access information about the subject
4 based on the received identifier includes an identification of the set of information
5 stored in the database that is associated with the received identifier.

1 17. The system of claim 10, wherein information about the third party is stored in the
2 database for subsequent retrieval by the subject.

1 18. The system of claim 10, wherein the subject is permitted to update the
2 information about the subject via the network.

1 19. A computer program product for obtaining information in an information
2 exchange framework, comprising:
3 a) computer code for receiving a request via a network from a third party for
4 information about a subject, wherein the request includes an identifier associated
5 with the subject;
6 b) computer code for utilizing the received identifier to identify the subject;
7 c) computer code for determining the third party's right to access information about
8 the subject based on the received identifier; and

9 d) computer code for utilizing the network to provide the third party with
10 information about the subject that the third party is determined to have a right to
11 access.

1 20. The computer program product of claim 19, wherein the identifier has a duration
2 of validity for associated therewith, and wherein the determination of the third
3 party's right to access information about the subject based on the received
4 identifier includes a determination of whether the request is received within a time
5 frame set by the duration of validity.